

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
REGARDING PHILATELIC SALES AND DOCKET NO. MC2013-49
OFFICIALLY LICENSED RETAIL PRODUCTS

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Respectfully submitted,

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On May 13, 2013, the Postal Service filed a Notice in the above referenced Docket. Comments are due today.

The Postal Service's Notice contains an Attachment with edits to the Mail Classification Schedule. Section 1702 contains a number of items which appear to be existing and are not being changed in the Docket. Even though, there are a number of items which are confusing.

Section 1702.1 defines "Philatelic Items" and that definition includes Uncut Press Sheets. Section 1702.2 contains the Handling Charge of \$1.25 for orders up to \$50 and \$1.75 for orders over \$50. Non-domestic destinations have a Handling Charge of \$6.25 and \$6.75 for orders up to and over the \$50 value. Both of these Handling Charges have an additional \$2.00 for custom orders.

Footnote 2 [formerly Footnote 1] contains in the second and third sentences an explanation of when the custom order fee will apply. The question I have is does the custom order fee apply for the sale of press sheets? The words "including press sheets" in the second sentence and the words "other than press sheets" in the third

sentence leave me confused. Press sheets are listed in the USA Philatelic catalog as a noted configuration. Examination of the USA Philatelic catalog does reference the custom order fee but does not refer to uncut press sheets. I called the 1-800-STAMP24 and the sales representative indicated that the custom order fee does not apply to press sheets whether they are shipped rolled up in a mailing tube or shipped flat in a cardboard container. Since I had a question on how these large press sheets could be shipped flat, the representative suggested that I speak with the shipping department. That representative indicated that there was no custom order fee if they were mailed rolled up in a mailing tube but that there would be a \$2.00 custom order fee plus 10-cents per item if they were shipped flat [\$2.10 if I ordered one press sheet and \$2.20 if I ordered two press sheets, etc.].

The MCS wording is confusing and should be clarified to meet the actual conditions. Furthermore, where is the authority for the additional 10-cent per item shipped?